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A Thai anti-government Red Shirt protester weeps yesterday as the movement's leaders say their protest must end, while Thai military forces advance on their position in Bangkok, Thailand. **More coverage, pages 8 & 10.**

Disparate accounts of Red Shirt protest

Despite reports, Bangkok is largely business as usual: Calgarian

Greg Jorgensen's television screen tells one story of the Red Shirt protest in Bangkok, but the Calgarian's view is very different from his apartment window.

Jorgensen has lived in Thailand's capital for nine years and has recently begun bangkokpodcast.com. He and fellow Canadian Tony Joh recently posted the first of their weekly podcasts, discussing firsthand their account of the escalating protest.

"When you've got a multimillion-dollar organization selling news, the tone is always going to be a lot different from a dude sitting behind his computer just telling you what he



Greg Jorgensen

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sees with his own eyes," Jorgensen told Metro via Skype yesterday.

"Western media likes to play that up. I mean, let's be honest — CNN is not going to waste valuable air time of a dude sitting on a chair eating a bowl of noodles."

What Jorgensen sees is a city that is "95 per cent" business as usual — aside from select areas of

Bangkok that are extremely dangerous.

"This afternoon when there was bullets and all this bulls— going on downtown — you know, army tanks rolling over barricades, people dying — I went for a walk in my neighbourhood and I bought some vegetables and I bought tea from my local tea guy. And there was

dogs sleeping and kids playing."

The situation could worsen, Jorgensen said, after the Red Shirts suffered defeat yesterday.

"The Red Shirt movement lost face big time today and most of them are regular people that want a shot at democracy," he said.

"I think that some of them will be looking for a bit of payback."

Jorgensen said he and Joh would post their next podcast Sunday.

"The scars of this event will be around for a long time. It's probably the worst political violence Thailand has ever seen."

**KATIE TURNER/
FOR METRO CALGARY**

New tech could end cell tower disputes

COMMITTEE City streetlamps could hold the key to ending ongoing cellular tower disputes if the city and industry can implement new technology.

The city's land use, planning and transportation committee set up a committee of stakeholders to examine the implementation of cellular antennas inside street lights.

"We really do have to find a solution. We cannot allow our city to be overrun by ugly structures, but we have to respond to the fact that Calgarians love their cellphones," said Ald. Bob Hawkesworth.

Nick Makaley, who explained the new technology to the committee, said it was an evolving technology, detailed in pictures from Toronto and concept art.

The technology could potentially do away with the battle between residents who don't want to have the towers in their neighbourhoods and cell companies who need to put them up.

"There's going to be a lot of people who are excited about this. I think it's the best option," said Wayne Frisch, a resident of Rutland Park, where emotions have run high over a proposed tower.

"I think it's a step in the right direction, but it's going to be too late for us, which is sad."

Chris Gerritsen, a Telus spokesperson, said he's not sure the technology would be strong enough for his company's needs, but if the technology is there they would look into it.

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News in brief

INVESTIGATION Alberta Health Services has launched an internal investigation into suspected drug tampering of drug vials in city ambulances. "Immediate actions have been taken to minimize the risk of further tampering," AHS spokesperson Bruce Conway said. "To the best of our knowledge, patient care has not been compromised." Police are not involved in the investigation at this point.

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Teen, police get Chief Awards

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

"I did what I thought was right," said 15-year-old Courtney McLean of the bravery that nabbed her an award of exceptional recognition at last night's 2010 Chief Awards.

McLean was one of 47 Calgarians awarded for assisting in public safety.

She was walking home last fall when she saw a man attacking a woman and told him to stop.

"I told him to get off her and he got up and he looked at me and I said 'Pick on somebody your own size,'" she explained to Metro.

After the attacker fled, she called the police and followed behind to give the 911 dispatcher updates.

In addition to the 21 citizens recognized last night, 26 Calgary police officers were awarded, including constables Mike Green and Patrick Urblik.

The two were on scene at a collision last November when an SUV hit a concrete barrier, launched into the air and burst into flames, landing on the highway and skidding 30



Const. Mike Green, left, and Const. Patrick Urblik both received the prestigious Chief Award for pulling two people from a burning vehicle. Courtney McLean, 15, inset, was among the 47 Calgarians awarded. She stopped an attack on a woman last fall.

metres.

The partners immediately ran to the vehicle and pulled the unconscious driver and the passenger from the flaming vehicle.

"It was like watching a movie, literally," said

Green.

"I'm actually kind of baffled (about the award). We feel it's just anything any officer would have done in the situation."

Police Chief Rick Hanson explained these awards

make him proud to live in Calgary.

"It's really gratifying to see that people still care," he said.

"People want a safe community and they're willing to contribute."

Council to decide on school zone times

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

EDUCATION School zone times will be 30 minutes earlier if council approves a committee recommendation to extend the hours.

Council will have to decide whether or not to amend the bylaw, which would bring city regula-

tions in line with playground zone times being proposed by the province by changing the start time 7:30 a.m.

"If we can get one standard that applies everywhere it eliminates confusion and improves safety," said Ald. Bob

Hawkesworth. If Council passes



Ald. Bob Hawkesworth

the amendment, the new regulations will go into effect in time for students' return to school in the fall.

Hawkesworth said there was little argument about the proposal with no members of the public coming to voice their opinion, "the thing

passed without a peep."

It will cost \$25,000 to change all the signs in the city, but there was no mention about a communications plan to let drivers know about the new changes as of yet.

"Between the city and the province, I have no doubt that these changes will be communicated to drivers before September," said Hawkesworth.

Peeping tom could be linked to assault: Cops

CRIME Calgary police believe a peeping tom in the city's northwest may be responsible for three separate incidents.

Police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said two window peeping incidents may be linked to a sexual assault on Tuesday at 2 a.m. when a man unlocked a bedroom window in the 4100 block of 41 Street NW and fondled a sleeping woman's breasts.

"Based on proximity, we now believe these here are related and what we're concerned about is escalating behaviour from peeping to sexually assaulting a woman while she sleeps," Brookwell said.

Another window-peeping incident occurred at the same home on Hendon Drive NW on April 21, and another incident at a different home on Hendon Drive NW the same night.

Police questioned a person of interest but have not laid any charges.

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App guides users to local art

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary



CULTURE Whether you're a downtown office worker, a budding young art student or a tourist visiting Calgary, the city wants to show you Calgary's artistry.

Calgarians with an iPhone will be able to use the device's GPS technology to tour the downtown core's most famous works with photographs, an audio guide and details about the artist who created it.



Calgary has crammed the location and background info of 16 different installations into one iPhone app.

"These experiences make Calgary's art collection more accessible to

the public and attract new audiences," says Quyen Hoang, the program co-ordinator.

One aspiring artist from Calgary, Mia Koegler, said she would use the application.

"I think that Calgarians are interested in art, but they won't really know where to go to find it."

Koegler also said tourists who come to Calgary often don't realize the city has quite a developed art scene, and this program would help them see the city in a different light.

News in brief

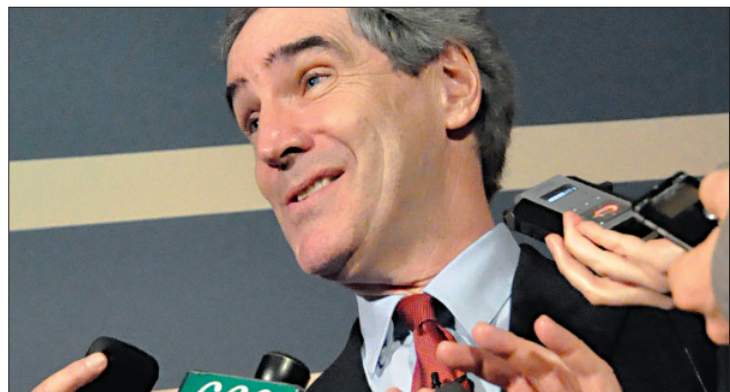
BUST A 28-year-old Calgary man is facing drug trafficking charges after he allegedly threw \$20,000 of contraband over the fence of the Drumheller Institution last Friday. Authorities say the parcel of drugs and other items got stuck on an inner fence, and he was arrested by prison

staff. Brian Joseph Dobbin has been charged with possession of marijuana and cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and trespassing.

WARNING The Alberta government has ordered a Calgary coupon booklet organization operating as All Charities and Alberta All Char-

ity Cancer Campaign to stop its door-to-door sales of \$20 coupon books until it obtains a provincial licence. AMCOR Calgary Inc. does not have a provincial licence and is not registered as a charitable organization, the government said in a release.

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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff talks to reporters in Calgary yesterday, during his cross Canada community tour.

Africa's the future: Iggy

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary



After exceptionally low ratings in popularity, Liberal party Leader Michael Ignatieff is taking a community approach to his current national tour.

He met yesterday with leaders of Calgary's African community to discuss issues such as the economic potential of that continent.

"Canadians have to think of Africa as the fu-

ture, not some kind of continent that is always having trouble," said Ignatieff.

"It has the potential to be an economic powerhouse and Canada should be there and our best bridges to Africa are the African-Canadians that we have among us."

Ignatieff accused the Harper government of walking away from Africa and ignoring opportunities.

After attending the roundtable discussion, Yinka Gbalajobi, a Nigerian-

Canadian, said he felt as though the opposition leader had heard his concerns.

"Mr. Ignatieff has done way more than the Conservative party could ever dream in terms of trying to communicate with the Africans," said Gbalajobi.

"People need to be aware that Africa is not a charity case, that there is lots of business, that there is lots of opportunities for you, for me, for Canadians and individuals," he said.

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Provincewide warrant issued for city man

Police are seeking Troy Lee Gaudry, of Calgary, on an Alberta-wide warrant for robbery in connection with a prescription drug heist last Friday. **METRO CALGARY**

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A shot at life-saving 101

EMS guides reporter through 'super scenario'

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary



My medical knowledge is limited to Band-Aids and Aspirin, but yesterday morning I saved a life.

Almost.

To celebrate National EMS Awareness Week, I was invited by Calgary Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to participate in Paramedic Skills. Various skill stations ran by EMS personnel introduced me to the tools and knowledge I would need for the final "super scenario."

Outfitted in safety glasses, gloves and face mask, my first task was to insert a needle into a disturbingly life-like rubber arm.

Cindy Russell, EMT, made it look quick and easy. I couldn't even tie the tourniquet the right way. I also missed the vein.

I then learned how to insert an intubation tube, although it took numerous attempts. Paramedic Crista Anderson patiently guided me until I figured out that the esophagus is not where a breathing tube belongs.



Metro intern reporter Jessica Piche got a lesson in life-saving yesterday, as EMS provided media with a first-hand look at skills needed in their job every day.

On alert

- Ambulances in Alberta: More than 550
- EMS practitioners in Alberta: About 3,000
- Number of calls received in Calgary yearly: Over 100,000
- MSTUs in Alberta: 2 (both in Calgary), used everyday

Armed with these new skills and more, I entered the Mobile Simulation Training Unit (MSTU) for the final test. "George," a plastic doll, was in medical distress. Unable to breathe and in cardiac arrest, I needed to save him.

Although I was unable to resuscitate George, I did gain an insight into the stressful situations EMS faces every day. Not ready to join their ranks, I'll continue applying bandages to minor wounds and let the experts handle the hard stuff.

News in brief

TRANSIT Charges are pending against a woman after an alleged assault against a female C-train driver. The female passenger fell asleep and when the driver woke her up around 4:30 a.m. yesterday, the woman allegedly struck the driver, who

was not injured. The suspect was taken into police custody.

FUNDING The University of Calgary's faculty of Education received a \$3 million gift from the Werkbund Foundation to develop leadership training. The Werkbund Foundation Centre

for Youth Leadership Education will be a flagship in Canada in the research and development of programs and initiatives to engage youth of all ages through a variety of means and resources, the organization said. **METRO CALGARY**

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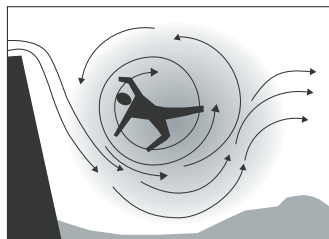
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A Calgary man facing the possibility of being labelled a dangerous offender apologized to his victims in a city court yesterday. Roland Ashley Warawa, 32, will learn his fate later this year. **METRO CALGARY**

Brain research receives funding

Investing in innovative research methods and equipment will benefit all Albertans, says Doug Horner, deputy premier and minister of advanced education and technology.

The Hotchkiss Brain Institute (HBI) will receive \$2.3 million from the Canada-Alberta Western Economic

Partnership Agreement, the University of Calgary and Integra LifeSciences Corp. The funding will be used to further nerve regeneration research and technologies.

Environment Minister Jim Prentice said advances in science and technology are essential to Alberta. "We must combine the best of

our intellectual and natural resources to create jobs," he said.

Some of the funding has been used to purchase state-of-the-art imaging and analysis equipment.

Nerve repair and regeneration technologies will be made more accessible due to funding, said Horner.

"Initiatives like (the HBI) can result in benefits not only for Albertans, but for people worldwide."

Funding also supports U of C students. "It means not having to share equipment, like microscopes," said Curtis Hay, a fourth-year bachelor of health student.

JESSICA PICHE/FOR METRO CALGARY



U of C students Erin Bell, left, and Curtis Hay.

SAIT gets OK for first bachelor degree

EDUCATION SAIT has received provincial approval to offer its very first bachelor degree, and school officials say if all goes well there may be another two in the future.

Starting in September, SAIT will offer a bachelor of business administration (accounting), said vice-president of academics Gordon Nixon. He added the institution is awaiting approval on two other degrees from the provincial government.

"We would be the only school in Alberta to offer (these other two degrees) and that was part of the development. We wanted to ensure we didn't compete with other degrees," he said.

The school is waiting on approval for proposed sciences degrees in construction management and Internet working.

Nixon said the school doesn't plan on seeking university status with the announcement.

"We are a polytechnic school and we are very proud of that. This just gives us more options for our students," Nixon said.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Suspect sought in assault on woman

CRIME Police are looking for a suspect after a woman fought off her attacker during a Tuesday morning assault in the city's southwest.

Staff Sgt. Dean LaGrange said a woman in her 30s was walking in the 1500 block of 27 Avenue SW when she was approached by a man at 5:30 a.m.

The offender is described as Caucasian, 30 to 35 years old and approximately five feet, 11 inches with a medium build, brown hair, and rotten teeth.

He was wearing a grey hoodie, dirty blue jeans, white runners and had bad body odour.

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News in brief

STABBING Police have charged a youth with aggravated assault in connection with a stabbing incident at 7th Avenue and 1st Street SW on Tuesday. One male youth received minor stab wounds in the incident and was transferred to hospital in non-life-threatening condition. Police say this was not a random incident and the suspect and the victim knew each other. **METRO CALGARY**

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Toronto's first automated public toilet has been opened by city officials at a waterfront location. After inserting a quarter or a token, a user will have 20 minutes of privacy. Once the person exits, the unit seals itself and begins a cleaning cycle. Twenty toilets will be installed across the city. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toronto flush with pride over automated public toilet

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Canada to greet Queen

The Queen and Prince Philip will visit five Canadian cities in June and July and be in Ottawa for Canada Day. The Prime Minister's Office says they will also visit Halifax, Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., and Winnipeg during a nine-day tour. It's the Queen's 22nd official tour. Her last visit was in 2005. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Calgarian hurt in Bangkok 'liked action'

VIOLENCE A writer and photographer originally from Calgary who was injured during fighting in Bangkok, Thailand, is known for a spirit of adventure that often propels him into the thick of the action, says one of his former university professors.

Helen Lansdowne of the University of Victoria said Chandler Vandergrift has always had a passion for southeast Asia — and being on the front lines.

Reports say Vandergrift is in serious condition in hospital after being hit in the head by shrapnel.

"He was very much wanting to be in the thick of things," Lansdowne said from Victoria. He had been living in Bangkok for several years.

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Elite cops probe Ottawa firebombing



A fire marshal sets up equipment in front of the firebombed Royal Bank branch in Ottawa.

The crack police unit in charge of security at the G20 and G8 summits is keeping a close eye on the firebombing of a bank branch in Ottawa.

The Integrated Security Unit says it is analysing videotape of the explosion.

"Any time this kind of thing happens, there is a need to step back and say 'Is this a one-time (event)?" said Michele Paradis, an ISU spokesperson.

"It's an isolated incident now, and we hope it stays as an isolated incident."

The ISU is a joint-forces team drawing from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Forces, and provincial and regional police.

Its goal is to protect the heads of state attending the G20 and G8 summits in Ontario and to keep the

"We hope it stays as an isolated incident."

Michele Paradis

host communities safe.

A group identifying itself as FFFC posted a video of the bombing online, with a message criticizing Royal Bank for being "a major sponsor of the 2010 Olympics on stolen indigenous land."

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Death caught on tape?

When police burst into a home in search of a murder suspect, a reality TV crew documented the raid — and may have recorded the death of a seven-year-old girl accidentally killed by an officer.

Aiyana Stanley-Jones's death put a spotlight on the growing number of reality shows that focus on law enforcement.

A number of big-city departments have used shows such as Fox's Cops to attract recruits.

Others have shied away from the up-close attention. And critics have questioned whether police behave differently when

No confirmation from A&E

A spokesman for The First 48 would not say if the raid was recorded, but police confirmed that the crew was present and that they are reviewing footage from that night.

cameras are watching.

Some experts and officers believe TV crews increase accountability.

"I don't see someone doing anything outlandish for the cameras because it's more of a liability for us," Detroit officer Brandon Cole said.

Detroit homicide investigators are featured regularly on A&E's The First 48, which tracks murder investigations during the first

two days after a slaying. On Sunday, a crew from the show was filming when police raided Aiyana's house in search of a suspect in the killing of a 17-year-old outside a convenience store.

Police have said Aiyana was wounded inside the house when an officer was jostled by, or collided with, the girl's grandmother. A family attorney said the shot came from the porch.

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New Kyrgyzstan violence

ASIA Several thousand people tried to storm a university in Kyrgyzstan yesterday in a burst of ethnic violence that left at least two people dead and more than 70 wounded, prompting the interim government to call a local state of emergency.

Witnesses in the town of Jalal-Abad said thousands of ethnic Kyrgyz advanced on

the private university that serves as the centre of the minority Uzbek community. They said gunfire broke out as crowds approached the building encircled by a cordon of special security forces. Kyrgyzstan has been struggling to maintain stability since President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was ousted from power in April.

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News in brief

HOUSTON A polygamist sect leader's daughter, who was a fugitive for nearly 20 years, pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges alleging that she helped orchestrate the shotgun killings of three former sect members and an eight-year-old girl. Jacqueline Tarsa LeBaron entered her plea during an arraignment hearing. Judge Nancy Johnson ordered her to be held without bond.

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Together, alone: Best of both worlds

Relating

Sofi Papamarko

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If distance makes the heart grow fonder, could living separately be the key to a successful marriage?

A few years ago, I met an elderly gentleman whose wife had recently passed

away. He was moving into his late wife's slightly larger apartment, which was adjacent to his own. He explained that, while they had dearly loved one another, they preferred to have separate living spaces. They opted to live alone, together.

Jay Smith, a Toronto-based writer, also lives separately from her partner.

"We both need a lot of space," she explains. "Part of it is really constitutional, if you can call it that: I am a morning person, whereas

Chris is not. I'm early to bed, he stays up late."

Many have raised an eyebrow at the pair's non-traditional living situation, especially since they have children (both kids live with mom).

"Most couples — and I certainly don't fault people for this — subscribe to this notion of romantic love based on possession, constant companionship, and utter codependency," she says.

"We're getting better at recognizing, as a society,

other forms of love, like love between two people of the same gender. But even then, that love is supposed to conform to the same mythos: Cohabitation, mutual codependency, a sort of soulmate-ful completion."

Patrick (not his real name) is a single, 30-something professional who hopes to marry someday, but has no desire to cohabit.

"I enjoy solitude," he says. "It's a powerful, useful 'reset' tool."

But it isn't as though his

personal space is off-limits to his future wife.

"She does get a house key, and she's always welcome," he concedes.

"I don't have any designs on an Andy Snitzer-style bachelor pad with frat house staples like PlayStations and Nerf basketball nets all over the place. It's really not about skeletons in the closet, which is probably the first thing a person would think. It's about my identity (and) having my own place to recharge my batteries after a good or bad

day." What it comes down to for couples that choose to live independently of one another is enjoying the best of both worlds.

"What if we look for companions on our own terms, or the terms that work best for a particular couple?" Smith asks. "Well, in my case, some uncomfortable moments on the playground ..."

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Opening your eyes to various barriers

Speaking Out

Wendy Cukier

Research shows the "old boy's network" is alive and well and informal networks remain significant barriers to inclusion in the workplace.

Informal networks affect who gets jobs, who gets "face time" with the boss or included in informal activities. And even those of us who think we "get it" could learn a thing or two from a recent study — Lived Work-

place Experiences Of Employees Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired.

Study author Dr. Mala Naraine, a post-doctoral fellow in Ryerson's Centre for Learning Technologies, shared her insight into the problems of social exclusion given that most people rely on visual cues to build friendships and networks in organizations.

It is often assumed that a person who is blind must simply learn alternative techniques to do efficiently the same things that they would do with "normal" vision. Some barriers — access to print, lack of speech output programs, inadequate training, and barriers to transportation, for exam-

ple — are well understood. But most employers do not fully recognize their duty to accommodate.

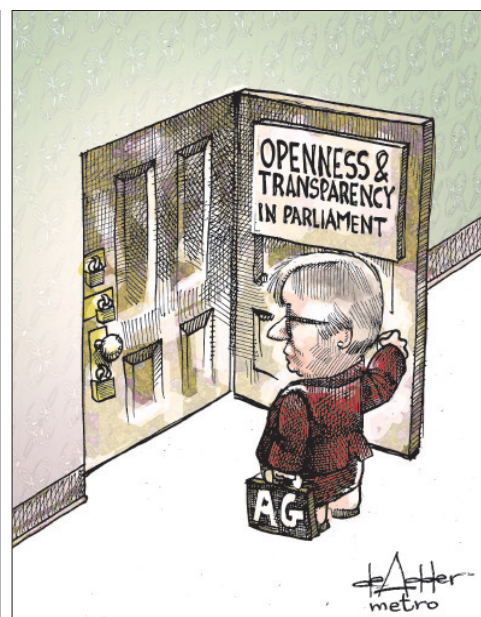
In Naraine's study, the lack of accommodation of social needs was striking as respondents described their experiences of isolation in the workplace. Quite apart from the stereotypes that affect the treatment of blind or visually impaired people, sighted people take much for granted.

A blind or visually impaired person attending a meeting or social event is not instantly oriented to the layout — where is the speaker? Where is the audience? Where is the coffee? They cannot tell if there are five people or 100.

While a sighted person has many daily interactions — walking through a building, smiling, nodding and waving at colleagues, a blind person walking down the same hall may feel completely alone unless they are spoken to. And blind and visually impaired people are less likely to be included in informal social gatherings, whether going for a coffee, lunch or a drink after work.

Naraine's research certainly opened my eyes to a subtle but important barrier to inclusion and how it is possible to feel completely alone in a sea of people.

Wendy Cukier is the associate dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University, and the founder of Ryerson's Diversity Institute.



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Procter & Gamble Co.'s online shopping store is open for business. The company said yesterday the "eStore" is up and running for the general public after months of testing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Business

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Norway's Statoil to stay in oilsands

Statoil ASA may have resoundingly defeated a shareholder motion demanding the Norwegian energy firm leave Alberta's oilsands, but the topic was a central theme at the company's annual meeting yesterday.

"Statoil only has a minor, minor foot into the tar sands, but the issue totally dominated its annual general assembly," said Truls Gulowsen, with Greenpeace Nordic, in an interview following the four-hour meeting in Stavanger, Norway.

About 98.62 per cent of Statoil shareholders rejected a motion put forward by Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund demanding the company stop developing the oil-sands.

But the environmental groups still hailed the results as a success, saying they received 10 times as many votes as they did last year, won the support of a number of investment funds and made the issue the meeting's focus.

Investors holding some 25 million shares abstained from the vote.

The Norwegian government controls about two-thirds of Statoil shares.

"I think we're seeing clear evidence that the more information was said about the consequences of the tar sands industry, the more the opposition grows," said Gulowsen.

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In brief

OIL Nexen Inc. says it has signed a deal to sell its heavy oil properties in Western Canada to a privately held company. Nexen says it has agreed to sell the properties to Northern Blizzard Resources Inc. for approximately \$975 million.

MOVIES Lionsgate Entertainment Corp. plans to make at least five Asian-language films budgeted at \$3 to \$5 million each in the next two years in partnership with Singapore's Media Development Authority, the head of the Canadian-American independent studio said.

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Google Inc., owner of the world's largest search engine, is facing a criminal probe by Hamburg, Germany prosecutors on data it said was erroneously gathered for its Street View mapping service. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Market forces likely pushed RIM to settle

LEGAL BlackBerry maker Research In Motion likely decided to settle a patent infringement case with a U.S. technology company to avoid losing any market share to competitors Apple and Google, say analysts.

Prism Technologies has reached a settlement and licensing agreement with RIM involving authentication systems on BlackBerry devices such as the Curve 8330. Terms of the settlement haven't been disclosed.

The Prism patent involves the security of electronically stored information.

Analyst Nick Agostino said Wednesday that RIM can't afford to take on a legal battle that could impact its market share or sales.

The cost of recouping any lost business would likely be greater than the

cost of settling, said Agostino of Toronto-based Mackie Research Capital Corp.

"In today's competitive landscape with Google and Apple on their heels, RIM cannot afford to take on a legal battle that could possibly impact their business," he said from Toronto.

Alastair Sweeny, author of BlackBerry Planet, also said RIM has to protect its competitive position and needs to reinforce that its devices are secure, especially in the corporate world.

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Cineplex plans more 3-D

Cineplex Galaxy plans to roll out bigger screens and enhanced sound at some theatres across the country this year, part of a new premium-priced experience designed to tap into a growing appetite among Canadians to be immersed in 3-D movies and Imax films.

Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund chief executive Ellis Jacob announced yesterday at the company's annual meeting that the movie exhibitor will launch the "UltraVX audio-visual experience," which promises digital projectors, big screens

and high-tech Dolby Digital sound systems.

Jacob described the larger screens as essentially running from one corner of the theatre to the other — and almost floor to ceiling — squeezing nearly every inch out of the space. "It looks like all you're looking at is screen," he said.

The rollout, which will also include larger seats,

starts with two theatres in Toronto and Calgary this summer, while further locations are expected later this year.

Cineplex launches the new plan amid one of the biggest upheavals in Hollywood history, as the industry tries to cater to exhibitors' fears that more people will stay home with DVDs or on-demand cable services as the window shrinks between a theatrical release and its home entertainment debut.

Over the past few years, more movies have been released in 3-D and giant-screen Imax formats,



Ellis Jacob

Conversion

By the end of this year, Cineplex aims to convert at 30 per cent of its screens to digital from traditional film projectors and make them 3-D ready.

while other technologies like moving theatre seats have mimicked amusement park rides for a premium ticket price.

So far the plan has worked, driving more people into theatres who are willing to dish out a few extra dollars to have their senses shaken up.

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Canadian travel abroad up 3.6%

TRAVEL Canadian travel to the United States and overseas countries rose 3.6 per cent in March from the previous month, while travel to Canada from abroad declined 3.7.

Statistics Canada reports Canadian residents took nearly 4.4 million trips outside of the country in March, including 3.7 million trips to the United States — a four per cent rise over February.

Canadian residents took 690,000 trips to overseas destinations, a 1.8 per cent increase. U.S. residents took 1.7 million trips to Canada in March, down 4.3 per cent. Residents of overseas countries took 368,000 trips to Canada in March, down 0.7 per cent.

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Recovery may be slowing: Conference Board

ECONOMY Canadian companies have seen their profits soar in recent quarters, but the climb could slow down in the back half of this year, according to the Conference Board of Canada.

The Ottawa-based private-sector forecasts says its industry indicator is showing signs that a strong post-recession recovery is losing some of its momentum.

That could mean that more companies turn out weak profits, or none at all, in the final two quarters of 2010.

The Conference Board said the leading indicator for all industries fell 0.4 per cent in April, the first decline since March 2009.

The drop was caused by a rapid rise in the corporate prime interest rate and weaker seasonal raw materials prices.

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London2012 New Olympic mascots



The Olympic mascot Wenlock, left, and the Paralympic mascot Mandeville, pose for photographs with children as they are unveiled to the media as the mascots for London 2012, at a school in London yesterday. The theme of the two mascots is that they were created from the last drops of steel left over from the construction of the final support girder for the Olympic Stadium.

Banking rules strict enough already: CEO

AGM The CEO of Sun Life Financial Inc. opposes planned new global bank taxes many countries are considering to crack down on the financial sector after the Wall Street crisis helped spark the recession.

Don Stewart told shareholders at the insurer's annual meeting yesterday that proposed new international financial regulations could unduly punish already well regulated Canadian financial companies.

"It would indeed be ironic if Canada, a country which came through the financial crisis better than

most, was to find itself at a disadvantage on account of new international rules originating from outside our country," Stewart said, adding his voice to mounting opposition at home ahead of international economic summits hosted by Canada next month.

Regulators in Europe, the United States and other parts of the world want to tax big banks and impose stricter lending and trading rules to prevent future bank collapses that might trigger another financial crisis.

They argue that cracking down on risky market practices will also cushion

countries and consumers from economic turmoil and volatile stock markets.

In a related issue, Stewart said that while Canada's financial institutions remained relatively healthy during the 2008-2009 recession and stock market fall, many Canadians saw a steep drop in the value of their retirement investments, which brought a crisis in Canada's pension system into sharp focus.

"If this problem isn't addressed, individuals and families will experience real hardship in future as more people outlive their retirement savings, said Stewart. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Airlines apply for Toronto city airport service

The Toronto Port Authority said yesterday that two airlines have applied to provide service using the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport on the city's waterfront. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Prentice expects high drilling standards

Canada's environment minister says he expects the highest standards to be followed as Greenland explores offshore oil drilling in Arctic waters.

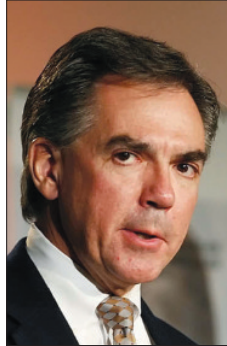
Jim Prentice says he'll make Canada's position very clear to Greenland at a meeting of Arctic countries next month.

Greenland recently accepted bids to drill in Baffin Bay near the mouth of Lancaster Sound, which is close to where Canada hopes to establish a marine conservation area.

The territory hopes to drill along thousands of kilometres of the maritime border it shares with Canada starting this summer.

Prentice says everyone is concerned about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and wants to make sure that any future drilling doesn't put the environment at risk. Critics say Ottawa has no plan for dealing with oil spills in the Arctic, where it would be much more difficult to clean up than in open water.

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Prentice

KFC Meaty meal



KFC's new Double Down sandwich is enormously popular, it seems. KFC said yesterday that Americans are gobbling down so many Double Downs that the fast-food chain will offer the bunless, meaty sandwich longer than it had planned. No word yet if the item will be available in Canada.

Banks eye safety after firebomb

G20 SUMMIT Canada's banks are reviewing their security arrangements for the G20 summit next month after the firebombing of a bank branch in Ottawa.

Financial institutions have been preparing for months for the summit that will close off main streets in the financial core of Toronto at the end of June.

But now that anarchists — who claimed to have firebombed the Ottawa bank — are vowing to take their brand of protest to the summit, the Royal Bank says it has to consider ramping up security.

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Sports



Ramirez back in the lineup

Hanley Ramirez, left, was back in the Florida Marlins' lineup yesterday after a pre-game talk with manager Fredi Gonzalez to clear the air. The reigning NL batting champion was benched Tuesday after taking shots at his manager and teammates a day after getting yanked from a game for not hustling. Gonzalez and Ramirez chatted for five or 10 minutes in the manager's office. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Hitmen rout Wheat Kings

Teams will play again tomorrow for spot in final

Even if such a thing existed, Jimmy Bubnick would never have taken Jimmy Bubnick first overall in a fantasy draft for the MasterCard Memorial Cup.

"Not a chance," he said. It would have been a poor draft strategy, after the Calgary Hitmen forward recorded four points in the final game of the round robin to jump over a player who could be selected first overall in next month's NHL draft. Bubnick had a goal and three assists to move past Windsor Spitfires star Taylor Hall on the overall list, helping the Hitmen to a 5-1 win over the Brandon Wheat Kings in the process yesterday.

Hitmen forward Kris Foucault added two goals and two assists to help his team earn home-ice advantage for Friday's semifinal rematch against the Wheat Kings. All six of the game's goals were scored in the first period, with Bubnick factoring in all but one of Calgary's markers.

"I guess it's a little bit of a dark horse, a little bit of an underdog," Bubnick said. "But I'm not going to play into that at all. It's a great honour, but there's still a lot of tournament to go."



Calgary Hitman Cody Beach celebrates his goal against the Brandon Wheat Kings with teammate Jimmy Bubnick last night in Brandon. The Hitmen won 5-1, but the teams will meet again Friday.

Bubnick has three goals and five assists through three round-robin games, leaving him two points better than Hall, who is projected to be among the first two selections made at the NHL Entry Draft next month in Los Angeles.

Calgary finished the preliminary portion of the schedule with a 2-1 record, its only loss coming against the Spitfires, who had already earned a direct berth into the championship fi-

nal on Sunday. Brandon finished 1-2, and extended a troubling post-season drought against its WHL rivals.

The Hitmen eliminated the Wheat Kings from the playoffs in five games last month, one year after needing only four games to dispatch Manitoba's only junior hockey team. The two teams have met in the post-season four times in the last six years — with Calgary emerging victori-

ously three times.

The game yesterday was stripped of all tangible meaning when the Spitfires eliminated the Moncton Wildcats from the tournament on Tuesday night. By losing in each of their three round-robin games, the Wildcats removed the need for a tie-breaker, and left the Hitmen and Wheat Kings to play for any reason to which they could ascribe importance.

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Sports in brief

NFL Houston Texans receiver Andre Johnson plans to rejoin the team after missing the first three voluntary practices over a contract dispute.

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Hockey Canada defends Crosby from IIHF criticism

HOCKEY Hockey Canada has come out in defence of Sidney Crosby after the International Ice Hockey Federation included him in a swipe at players who declined invitations to attend the world hockey championship.

The IIHF posted a story titled Saying No To Your Country on its website yesterday, claiming that players who chose not to participate were turning "their backs not only on the team and its fans but also to the system which developed them and made them rich and famous." The story, written by IIHF communications director Szymon Szymberg, names Crosby, Henrik Zetterberg and Nicklas Backstrom, among others.

"Why is a 22-year-old Sidney Crosby tired when a 34-year-old Ryan Smyth is answering the bell for his country despite having represented Canada at the worlds already on eight occasions?" Szymberg wrote. Scott Salmond, the men's national team director for Hockey Canada, called the story "inappropriate."

"Sidney Crosby's the guy they singled out — he's played in two finals (in 2008 and 2009), he's played in the second round of the playoffs (this year), he's played in the Olympics for us," said Salmond. "I don't think it's fair to single him out. We respect where he is and we respect what he's done for us and I think what he'll do for us in the future."

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NHL PLAYOFFS

TODAY'S GAME

Philadelphia at Montreal, 5 p.m. (Pacers lead series 2-0)

TOMORROW'S GAME

San Jose at Chicago, 6 p.m. (Blackhawks lead series 2-0)

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Backup goalies deliver

Sports **Voice**
Daniel Squizzato
metronews.ca/sports

These Stanley Cup playoffs have brought us plenty of memorable moments so far — but the biggest impact might be that the phrase “backup goalie” has been made officially obsolete. It’s mind-boggling that three of the four squads left have been using their ostensible backups, all of whom have not only filled the role but, at times, stolen the show.

Despite Carey Price’s one-time status as the team’s goalie of the future, we all watched Jaroslav Halak’s name being written into Canadians lore in the first two rounds.

Antti Niemi — with only 42 NHL games to his credit heading into the playoffs — has irrevocably passed Cristobal Huet on the Blackhawks’ depth chart.

And the Flyers — whose No. 1 on opening day, if you recall, was Ray Emery — saw a combination of Brian Boucher and Michael Leighton backstop them to one of the most epic series comebacks in sporting history.

The fourth team still alive is, of course, the

Sharks, whose reputation for overplaying Evgeni Nabokov in the regular season is surpassed only by their reputation for choking in the playoffs.

Coincidence?

Many teams have been moving toward a one-two goaltending punch over the past few seasons, but these playoffs may be enough to solidify the trend league-wide.

Now, sure, if you’ve got an anomaly like Martin Brodeur between the pipes, or your current ‘tender is riding a hot streak, it makes good hockey sense to stick with them.

But it’s worth remembering that even an NHL backup is still likely among the best 60 goal-tenders on the planet.

Remember, Boucher — who everyone questioned as the Flyers entered the post-season — set a modern-day record with five consecutive shutouts back in 2003-04.

That doesn’t happen by accident. It means he’s a talented goaltender, backup or not.

Who knows? Maybe the Sharks will lose Nabokov to injury and Thomas Greiss will be the one to finally lead them to the promised land.

The way these playoffs are going, would you really be surprised?

Daniel Squizzato is a Metro copy editor and blogger for Some Canadian Guys Writing About Soccer and Infield Fly.

Bradley returns to Mariners

MLB Milton Bradley’s hiatus from the Seattle Mariners is over.

His process of getting help to deal with what baseball’s self-described bad guy called “stressors, unpleasant thoughts and feelings I’ve been having” is not.

Bradley rejoined the Mariners yesterday after two weeks of counselling for personal issues and anger.

“I don’t have all the answers. I’m not saying I’m cured,” Bradley said in a clubhouse meeting room before last night’s game against Toronto. He made a brief statement then answered one question before a team spokesman ended the session.

“I’m working ever so hard, and I’m committed to this process,” Bradley said.

“It’s going to be an ongoing thing. It’s the best thing for me. I’m glad I took this time.”

The Mariners — his eighth team in 10 seasons — reinstated him from restricted list they had placed him on May 5.

Bradley is in the second year of a \$30-million, three-year contract the Chicago Cubs gave him before one failed season with them in 2009.

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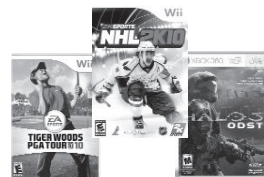
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Homes in
Style

It's a patio party!

JENNIFER BILL
for Metro Canada

Gone (thankfully) are the days of cheap plastic chairs scattered across the patio.

Today's deck spaces have taken on the look of the living room, as stylish comfort moves to the outdoors, with soft, water-resistant sofas, cushy and cute pillows, and attractive lighting.

"A great patio (set-up) would be comfortable seating mixed in with really nice greenery to kind of give the patio a zen feeling," says Alan Wilson, owner of Vancouver's Industrial Revolution.

Wilson says a mixture of different seating types — bar-height or low beanbag chairs — is ideal.

"More and more people are going with soft seating for outdoors ... as well as cantilevered umbrellas to shade the sun and create an awning effect," says Wilson.

"Colours and fabrics are very big — getting away from the old canvas and hunter green colours."

Mixing furniture types such as wicker chairs and a teak table gives an eclectic, timeless look, he added.



The retro-chic Beanbag Chair has been re-imagined for fun in the sun. Generously sized yet lightweight with a water-resistant poly shell. West Elm, \$229, westelm.com.



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The St. Tropez patio chair is compact and folds for easy storage. The frame is made of teak and the seat/back is made of highly durable and maintenance-free textile, which is UV and weather treated. Industrial Revolution, \$699, industrialrevolution.net.

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Part three of our Summer Decorating Style series continues with style icon of India Hicks. She's the television host of Bravo's Top Design, designer of two guest houses and a restaurant/hotel in the Caribbean and creator of the award-winning Island Living Collection of fragrances for Crabtree and Evelyn. This week we discuss designing a dream summer home.

Q What word(s) best describe a dream summer cottage to you?

A There are many words that describe a dream summer cottage. **Maintenance-free**; you shouldn't have to worry about a spill, children or sandy feet. **Freedom and privacy**; leaving the windows open at night and blasting your favorite song should never be a concern. **Relaxed way of life**; buying rustic and vintage pieces of furniture helps create an eclectic, casual effect.

Q What would your dream Canadian summer home look like?

A Not all summer cottages have their feet in the sand

and their heads in the blazing sun, however I would want to establish a sense of harmony with nature wherever we were. Using natural materials like stone and wood from local sources will allow the house to blend with the environment.

Natural ventilation like windows that open, screened doors and skylights that keep the house cool at night.

Architectural elements like wide wooden floor boards, screen doors that bang, tiny attic rooms make a summer house quirky and evoke childhood memories.

A few pieces of handsome furniture (not just main house castaways), a succession of family pictures linking the past with the present.

Accumulated books and vintage board games help to create a comfy place where everyone will want to spend time.

Of course the quintessential and indispensable discussion of the day's weather will start the conversation every morning.

Q Should a second (summer) home cost a lot? What should you splurge on/not splurge on?

A Once your dream home is built, the biggest expense should be a trusted and reliable caretaker.

My dream cottages always have wide verandahs. They help expand the inside and should have outdoor furnishings comfortable enough for afternoon naps. Your summer home should be decorated less formal than your city house. Good sturdy furnishings don't have to cost a lot and can last a long time.

Bathrooms that feel like they have been part of the history but have actually been recently updated. It's always a dream to have an old claw-foot cast tub; such a humble luxury.

Q Shouldn't every summer home have one of your candles to create a getaway mood?

A Lots of wonderful smelling candles for long affectionate dinners, with friends and family. The Island Living three-wick candles are fantastic but so are fresh flowers and the faint smell of burning ambers from a cool night's useful fireplace.

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Kitchen, bath done, what's left to reno?

SYLVIA PUTZ
for Metro Canada



We've all heard that bathroom and kitchen renovations add the most value when you sell your home.

But what about other types of renovations such as landscaping?

"Freshening up is the best way to get more bang out of your landscaping buck," says Tony Colavecchia, owner of Toronto-based Edan Oaks Landscape Contracting. This means concentrating on the visual things, like planting or pruning shrubs, mulching, tidying, and removing clutter.

Figures published at the Do-It-Yourself website (check "What not to renovate" at doityourself.com) suggest that you'll get back as much as 50 per cent on "soft" landscaping costs, particularly if your plantings provide privacy.

On the other hand, many "hardscaping" features involving stonework such as driveways or walkways or a pool, for instance, pay back only around 25 per cent of what you spent, according to the website.

One exception is a patio, which can double or even triple the payback. "Some kind of living space outdoors is important, since a lot of people are staying home to relax rather than buying cottages," says Daniel Marc, one of the owners of DS Stoneland Landscape Construction.

What is also important is



"Hardscaping" your backyard — installing a pool or stonework — only has a 25 per cent return on investment, according to doityourself.com.

to plan for the whole job. Avoid a piecemeal approach, since this can result in expensive rework and an uncoordinated look.

How about a fireplace?

Most people love the way a fireplace looks in their home, and having one is seen as a plus on the real estate market.

If you spend \$3,000 updating a fireplace, you'll probably get about 75 per cent of your costs back when you sell, according to the figures published in the Do-It-Yourself website.

A gas fireplace insert is the choice of most people. "Gas will add the most value to your home because it is easy to use, and you can demonstrate it during a

house showing," says Lowell Bower, operations manager at The Fireplace Shop (thefireplaceshop.com).

Whichever type of fireplace you have, beautifying it never hurts. "If you have a brick fireplace, use marble or slate to disguise the brick and raise the value of the home."

Windows?

"Buyers will notice new windows, but it doesn't make much difference in the selling price of the home," says Jimmy Melo, of JRM Aluminum and Glass.

In older homes, windows are the major place where heat is lost, so new windows can help decrease heating costs, however, he added.

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Style



Swarovski in Carrie's closet

Swarovski has added a little sparkle to the latest instalment of *Sex and the City* with two stunning evening purses. In the film, the Kiosque, \$825, (pictured left) and Power bag, \$950, (far right) are seen in character Carrie's (played by actor Sarah Jessica Parker) closet and around her room. The bags are available for purchase at Swarovski boutiques across Canada and on swarovski.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Field of fashion

Famed SATC costume designer ignores trends



Actor Sarah Jessica Parker wears a floor-length crimson Halston dress in the new *Sex and the City 2* movie.

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

Patricia Field, the woman who put Carrie Bradshaw in Manolo Blahniks, tells us about her style inspiration for *Sex and the City 2* and why even her most fashionable leading lady, like the rest of us, needs to hang out in a plaid shirt.

Q Sex and the City is a very fashion-driven film, how mindful were you of trends when creating the wardrobe for the second movie?

A I'm not mindful of trends. I kind of run away from that because what's going to be there next season is not going to be there the season after. And movies last a long time. If you look at *Breakfast at Tiffany's* to-day, it looks absolutely gorgeous. You don't say it looks out of style.

Q What was the single most influential factor in the way you dressed Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda for this film?



Sex and the City 2 costume designer Patricia Field, right, stayed true to her trademark style of mixing high- and low-end brands in the film.

A If you find your hook in the script, you go with it. In the first movie it was that five years has passed since the TV show. I had to fill in the space of that time, and arrive at the present. They're the same people, but you know, things do change slightly. So it was in that way that I wanted to focus. I just imagined how each one was. For example, Carrie continued writing professionally. Her look was so influenced by her profession. She was a thinker, she was always analyzing everything. I

thought, the funky part of Carrie would still be there, but the edges would be a bit smoother so to speak. The second movie was driven by a complete different set of circumstances. The main thing is they get invited to the Middle East by a sheik for a 10 star vacation. So this was my motivation. The anticipation of a trip that they never even could imagine.

Q Do you think the girls still reflect the way women dress?

A I don't know if they ever did. I think maybe they set the bar or the aspiration level. I hear from people that *Sex and the City* changed the way women dressed. (When dressing the characters) I reflect the way I think NYC women dress; it comes from inside of me. It's based on a little bit of fantasy, the history of glamour and my mindset throughout my life.

Q I read somewhere that you mixed high and low fashion brands for this film.

A I always mix high and low, it's my style. It gives you a wider variety, a bigger palette. Why stay with one designer? Why stay with only designers? You can have it all. I mix in H&M, Topshop — Zara is a big one that I use. (For *SATC2*), I used a lot of vintage. I was yearning for chic



simplicity after all the past years of post '50s and '60s geometric, crazy shapes. Carrie wore a plaid blue shirt in the movie. And it was like, 'Oh you're just hanging around. Lets put you in an old plaid shirt and jeans.' I mean you can't get dressed up every five minutes. Let's give it a breather for one scene.

Q Is it true that the wardrobe cost \$10 million dollars?

A I just read \$4 million. I don't know how much it was, but I think it was more around \$1 million. Usually I know because budget is extremely important, but it seemed like with this movie there was no stopping. The whole mood was like, 'What do you need? Get it.' And after a while I was like, 'They have an unlimited budget I'm not going to worry about this anymore.'

Q You designed a limited edition SATC2 bottle for Skyy vodka. I can practically hear the Cosmos being shaken up.

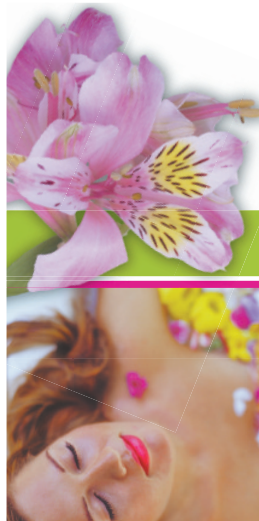
A [I thought] lets take the iconic skyline in *Sex and the City* and pop in an Eiffel Tower or Big Ben, it will make it more worldly.

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Travolta, Preston expecting a new baby

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A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

LCD Soundsystem checks out

Murphy mirrors his heroes on third and final album

LCD Soundsystem

Album: This Is Happening
Label: DFA/EMI
Rating: A

JAMES MURPHY'S LESSON

in musical fusion has always been as recreational as it's been educational. For the third LCD Soundsystem LP, he boldly named it *This Is Happening*, perhaps to prepare us for his supposed exodus. New ground hasn't necessarily been broken, but Murphy's post-punk/Krautrock symphonies are given added relevance by his increasingly self-reflective musings. Alluding to the "well running dry" and using up his "desire for discovery," if this is his last album at least he celebrates it with an exclamation point like *Pow Pow*. Reiterating a wish to head home, he leaves us with an impeccable three-album arch to rival the heroes he's mirrored over the last eight years. *Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada*

The Sadies

Album: Darker Circles
Label: Outside
Rating: B

OPENING A SADIES

CD has always been like crawling in to a dark hollow in Appalachia and waiting for the LSD to take effect. Sometimes the results could be fairly spooky. Fortunately, the Sadies have shaved most of the trip bumps off their latest, possibly finest, offering. There remains a low dose of psychedelia in a space cowboy sort of way. There's even some surf guitar and spaghetti-western sound effects. For the most part, however, *Darker Circles* finds its roots in the pre-acid days of folk-rock. Jangly guitars and sweet harmonies. Dark, but not scary. It's what the Sadies do best. *Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada*

The Black Keys

Album: Brothers
Label: Nonesuch/Warner
Rating: A

IS IT JUST

me or do the Black Keys get better with every album? Their latest is a tight blues rock record that feels like a cross between the White Stripes and Spoon. Danger Mouse is at the producing helm once again, and his influence is noticeable — the infectious groove on opener *Everlasting Light* has his



This Is Happening is the third — and likely the last — album from LCD Soundsystem.

trademark, Crazy-like about Dan Auerbach and sound. But this is really Patrick Carney's strong

songwriting. They do away with some of the more psychedelic sounds of their last disc and focus on succinct, measured tracks. There's nothing over the top and the subtle riffs and soulful keyboard flourishes on *Tighten Up* are remarkable. *Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada*

Crystal Castles

Album: Crystal Castles
Label: Last Gang
Rating: B

THIS MAY BE a debatable point in some of the outer circles of "art," but it's usually not a good idea to record music that is painful to the ears. Which

Tasty animals

British tabloid *The Sun* is thrilled to reveal Nicolas Cage only eats animals whose sex lives he can respect. "I actually choose the way I eat according to the way animals have sex," Cage said. *POPEATER.COM*

AlbumReviews

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brings us to the opening track of the new CD by this Toronto electro-experimental band. It's called *Fainting Spells*. Epileptic Seizures would have been more appropriate. It's not only annoying, it's ... well ... painful. Then there's track 3, *Doe Deer*. Whatever it is, it should have been put out of its misery. It's a shame, because this CD also contains some wonderfully sublime stuff. *Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada*



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critics' corner

Grey's Anatomy

Mandy Moore guest stars in the two-hour season finale, as the hospital is hit with an unprecedented crisis, and Meredith and Cristina's (Ellen Pompeo, Sandra Oh) surgical skills are put to the test. Also, sex happens somewhere, we're pretty sure. Patrick Dempsey, Justin Chambers and Chandra Wilson also star in "Sanctuary: Death and All His Friends." 8 PM on CFCN, 10 PM on KXLY



Parks and Recreation

Leslie (Amy Poehler) decides to take matters into her own hands when Ben (guest star Adam Scott, Party Down) stops her from holding a children's concert. Mark (Paul Schneider) faces some big decisions about his life. Andy (Chris Pratt) is surprised by some romantic attention. Rashida Jones and Nick Offerman also star in the season finale, "Freddy Spaghetti." 9:30 PM on CKAL KHQ

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Standing up to cancer

TV fundraiser aims to top \$100M raised in 2008

Stand Up To Cancer, a 2008 multichannel TV fundraiser that helped deliver more than \$100 million for research, is returning in September.

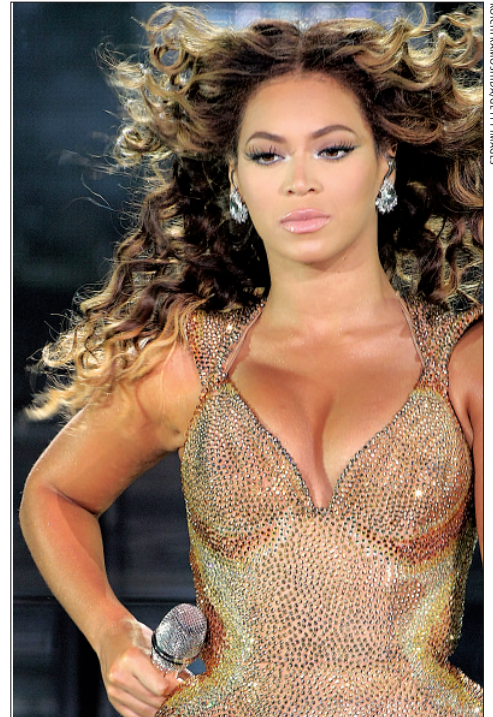
Leading the charge again is film and TV producer Laura Ziskin, who is executive producer of the show and is undergoing treatment for the disease.

The hourlong Stand Up To Cancer, to be simulcast commercial-free by ABC, CBS and NBC and cable networks and hosted by network news anchors Brian Williams, Katie Couric and Diane Sawyer, will air the Friday after Labour Day, Sept. 10.

The broadcast will address cancer's toll but, Ziskin said, will combine that with entertainment to demonstrate "we're not grim, we're very hopeful. The main thing we want to show is there's progress."

As with the first simulcast, this year's edition will feature movie, TV and sports stars and musical performers. Lance Armstrong, Meryl Streep and Beyonce were among those who took part last year, and Ziskin is working on a similarly starry line-up.

"I literally call up people I know and say, 'I'm just trying to cure cancer.' I'm



Beyonce, among others, performed at last year's event. The list of participants for this year's show has yet to be announced.

shameless in the pursuit of that goal. But this is really important," said Ziskin, who has metastatic breast cancer.

The new telecast will detail how the money collected in 2008 has been distributed, she said.

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Misto special (\$17), the appetizer sampler, featured solid portions but the garlic prawns and bruschetta were lukewarm at best and the lemon-pepper calamari oversalted. A store-bought tomato dipping sauce came on the side.

We chose basic entrees which any Italian kitchen should have as a foundation. For some reason, cheese was AWOL from the lasagna (\$13). Meat sauce

and noodles reported to duty but fell middle of the pack.

Fettucine alfredo (\$11) with chicken (add \$2.50) was a fair size, but it was swimming in so much sauce, one would be forgiven for mistaking it for a soup. I liked the hint of coconut in the alfredo but others might not.

That's Italian Too does have a few things going for it. Reasonable prices are a boon to anyone on a budget or any large group. Service is extremely eager to please.

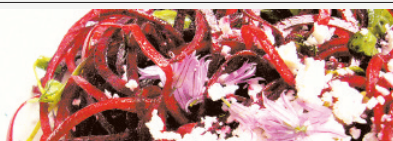
This Hunterhorn Plaza locale may serve as a neighbourhood standby, but it's not a destination eatery.



Misto special: garlic prawns, bruschetta and calamari.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of Beet 'Noodle' Salad.

**In brief**

PIZZA Successful Edmonton chain, Famoso, has opened in Calgary (2303 Fourth St. SW) offering the distinctive, slightly-burnt thin crust of Naples. Try a Margherita (\$11) with fresh basil and mozzarella.

SHARP BLADES Knifewear owner Kevin Kent has launched a new line of knives called Masakage that are handmade in Japan. Available only at Knifewear (1316 Ninth Ave. S.E.) in Inglewood.

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Kim Kardashian cried over her breasts when she started puberty. She said: "I was the first girl in my class to wear a bra. I remember crying in the bathtub. All my friends were super-skinny," she told Shape magazine. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Bronx was bonked in a bumper bender

AT LEAST HIS RIDICULOUS NAME and Ashlee Simpson- accident Tuesday, female- **REMAINS INTACT** Pete Wentz Wentz's son was in a car first.co.uk reports.

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Bronx was in the vehicle with his nanny when the incident took place in Los Angeles' Coldwater Canyon, but was luckily not injured.

The couple's representative said: "It was a minor fender-bender, and everyone is fine."

It is still unknown what caused the accident, but the Lexus SUV the nanny was driving was left damaged on the front left side. Several hours after the accident, 31-year-old Wentz posted a message to his fans on his Twitter page thanking them for their tweets of support.

He wrote: "Thanks you guys for your concern. No one was hurt in the car accident and bx is cur-

rently back to building forts and hiding dads cell phone."

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What ho, a wagon!

IT BE TIME TO HOP BACK ON ONCE MORE, MY LORD Jonathan Rhys Meyers is headed to rehab for a fourth time, and he's hoping this visit is the last.

"He just really wants to get better. This has been an ongoing battle for him," a source tells People magazine of the star who was reportedly

banned from a morning United Airlines flight last week for being drunk and disorderly.

According to the Daily Mirror, longtime girlfriend Reena Hammer is behind his latest rehab sting.

She reportedly told him, "Check in to rehab or I'm dumping you," sources say.

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Children and Jimmy Choos

FINDING BALANCE IN STILETTOS AND SANDBOXES Sarah Jessica Parker admits motherhood has been taking its toll on her.

"I don't have a beauty secret," Parker says, according to Hollyscoop. "I feel old and tired. I have children I run round after, I try to walk as

much as possible, and other than that I buy every cream possible.

"I love beautiful clothes and am privileged enough to have access to a lot of them, but they're returned the next day. They're not mine."

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CelebTweets

KYLIE MINOGUE isn't looking to change careers just now, **OMAR EPPS** is making drink recommendations, and **MICHAEL IAN BLACK** wants to clear something up.

@kylieinogue I don't think I will ever make a magician!!! :o hahaa
@omarepps Attention tweekle...iced tea & cranberry juice is the official beverage of the summer! Adults, same ingredients add alcohol:-)

@michaelianblack I misspoke when I said I was the first person to land on the moon.

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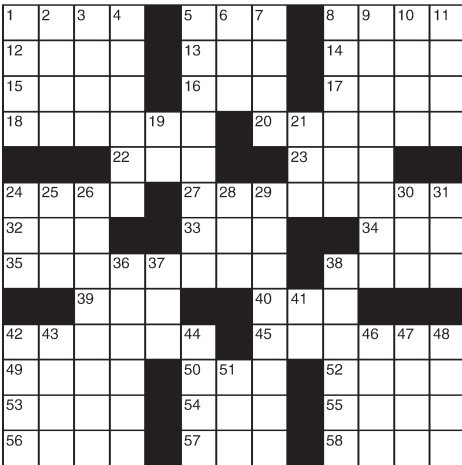
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- 5 "Eee-ww!"
- 8 1960s Secretary of State Dean
- 12 Verve
- 13 Born
- 14 Initial chip
- 15 Multinational money
- 16 Atlantic st.
- 17 June 6, 1944
- 18 Nebraska river
- 20 Needle-nose tool
- 22 Rocky peak
- 23 Rowing need
- 24 "Hi, sailor"
- 27 Teemed
- 32 Cleric's title (Abbr.)
- 33 Head of st.
- 34 "— the ramparts ..."
- 35 Opening night
- 38 In pre-swam mode
- 39 Snitch
- 40 Spinning speed (Abbr.)
- 42 24-Down, e.g.

- 45 Zero
- 49 Manhandle
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- 55 Coral structure
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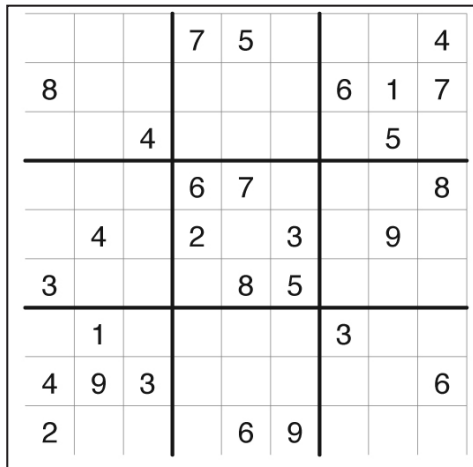
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- 4 Difficult to solve
- 5 Too young
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- 7 Aid
- 8 Angular measure
- 9 Likely loser
- 10 Celebrity
- 11 Organ array
- 19 — and fro
- 21 "Skip to My —"
- 24 Dadaist Jean
- 25 That girl
- 26 Medley that

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken and Spinach Soup

Recipe submitted by Susan Thomas
Photo: Lisa Sembaliuk
PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb chicken, cooked
- 10 oz fresh spinach
- 1/4 cup cream cheese
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup carrots, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 3 cup chicken broth
- salt and pepper to taste

METHOD:

- 1 Put olive oil, onion, and garlic in medium saucepan. Sauté until onions are soft, about 7 minutes.

2 Add spinach. Once the spinach has cooked, add the chicken, chicken broth and carrots. Simmer for approximately 10-15 minutes.

3 Stir in cream cheese, salt and pepper and serve.

SERVES 5

• Try this recipe with Rosemary Oven-Roasted Potato Chips or Grilled Summer Pizza with Goat Cheese. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.



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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may not be able to explain why you think certain things are going to happen but don't ignore that little voice inside your head.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
This will be a pleasant day for you, the kind of day when everything falls into place and life is fun no matter what you are doing. But don't do too much.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Current aspects suggest that your respect for a certain individual is based on emotion rather than logic.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Start something new today, something you have been thinking about for weeks if not months but never quite got around to.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You need peace of mind, and the best way to get it is to stop worrying about how much you own or earn. Focus on the things that really matter.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
It may seem as if others are trying to keep things from you, and maybe they are, but don't make a fuss.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Whatever you are most passionate about in life, that is what you should be doing right now. Free the creative side of your nature.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
With love planet Venus moving into the relationship area of your chart today you will be flavour of the month with most people.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't pay too much attention to what others are saying — they will most likely try to distract you from doing things that they don't agree with.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you find yourself being nudged in a new direction you are advised to relax and let it happen.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
What is happening in your life may be part of the grand cosmic plan but you must not use that as an excuse to ignore your responsibilities.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
With Venus moving into the most passionate area of your chart today chances are you will go overboard in your affections, and why not?



This day in history

1497: John Cabot sets sail from Bristol, England, on his ship Matthew looking for a route to the west (other documents give a May 2 date).
1609: Shakespeare's Sonnets are first published in London, perhaps illicitly, by the publisher Thomas Thorpe.
1873: Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis receive a U.S. patent for blue jeans with copper rivets.
1980: In a referendum in Quebec, the population rejects by a 60 per cent vote the proposal from its government to move towards independence from Canada.

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